

veterans in east central Florida. In preparing the report, the Secretary shall consider the needs of such veterans for psychiatric and long-term care. The Secretary shall include in the report the Secretary's views, based on the Secretary's determination of such needs, as to the best means of meeting such needs using the amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in this Act and Public Law 103-452 for projects to meet the health care needs of such veterans. The Secretary may, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, use an independent contractor to assist in the determination of such health care needs.

(b) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary may not obligate any funds, other than for design work, for the conversion of the former Orlando Naval Training Center Hospital in Orlando, Florida (now under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs), to a nursing home care unit until 45 days after the date on which the report required by subsection (a) is submitted.

SEC. 352. EVALUATION OF HEALTH STATUS OF SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS.

(a) **EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.**—Subsection (b) of section 107 of the Persian Gulf War Veterans' Benefits Act (title I of Public Law 103-446; 108 Stat. 4652; 38 U.S.C. 1117 note) is amended by striking out "September 30, 1996" and inserting in lieu thereof "December 31, 1998".

(b) **RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS.**—Any diagnostic testing and medical examinations undertaken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of the study required by subsection (a) of such section during the period beginning on October 1, 1996, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act is hereby ratified.

**POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT
EXTENSION ACT OF 1996**

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT NO. 5415

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MURKOWSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3868) to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1996; as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS.

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended—

(1) by amending section 166 (42 U.S.C. 6246) to read as follows:

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 166. There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1997 such sums as may be necessary to implement this part.";

(2) in section 181 (42 U.S.C. 6251) by striking "June 30, 1996" both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1997";

(3) by striking "section 252(l)(1)" in section 251(e)(1) (42 U.S.C. 6271(e)(1)) and inserting "section 252(k)(1)";

(4) in section 252 (42 U.S.C. 6272)—

(A) in subsections (a)(1) and (b), by striking "allocation and information provisions of the international energy program" and inserting "international emergency response provisions";

(B) in subsection (d)(3), by striking "known" and inserting after "circumstances" "known at the time of approval";

(C) in subsection (e)(2) by striking "shall" and inserting "may";

(D) in subsection (f)(2) by inserting "voluntary agreement or" after "approved";

(E) by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:

"(h) Section 708 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 shall not apply to any agreement or action undertaken for the purpose of developing or carrying out—

"(1) the international energy program, or

"(2) any allocation, price control, or similar program with respect to petroleum products under this Act.";

(F) in subsection (i) by inserting "annually, or" after "least" and by inserting "during an international energy supply emergency" after "month";

(G) in subsection (k) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows—

"(2) The term "international emergency response provisions" means—

"(A) the provisions of the international energy program which relate to international allocation of petroleum products and to the information system provided in the program, and

"(B) the emergency response measures adopted by the Governing Board of the International Energy Agency (including the July 11, 1984, decision by the Governing Board on "Stocks and Supply Disruptions") for—

"(i) the coordinated drawdown of stocks of petroleum products held on controlled by governments; and

"(ii) complementary actions taken by governments during an existing or impending international oil supply disruption"; and

(H) by amending subsection (l) to read as follows—

"(l) The antitrust defense under subsection (f) shall not extend to the international allocation of petroleum unless allocation is required by chapters III and IV of the international energy program during an international energy supply emergency.";

(5) by adding at the end of section 256(h), "There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1997 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this part."

(6) by adding at the end of section 256(h) (42 U.S.C. 6276(h)) "There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1997 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this part.";

(7) in section 281 (42 U.S.C. 6285) by striking "June 30, 1996" both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1997";

(8) in section 365(f)(1) (42 U.S.C. 6325(f)(1)) by striking "not to exceed" and all that follows through "fiscal year 1993" and inserting in lieu thereof "for fiscal year 1997 such sums as may be necessary";

(9) by amending section 397 (42 U.S.C. 6371f) to read as follows:

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 397. For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1997 such sums as may be necessary,"; and

(10) in section 400BB(b) (42 U.S.C. 6374a(b)) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997, to remain available until expended.".

SEC. 2. ENERGY CONSERVATION AND PRODUCTION ACT AMENDMENT.

Section 422 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6872) is amended to read as follows:

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 422. For the purpose of carrying out the weatherization program under this part, there are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1997 such sums as may be necessary.".

THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION CONSOLIDATION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1996

KASSEBAUM AMENDMENT NO. 5416

Mr. LOTT (for Mrs. KASSEBAUM) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 555) to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 116, lines 18 and 19, strike "With" and all that follows through "the" and insert "The".

On page 116, line 21, strike "such".

On page 122, line 22, strike "; and" and all that follows through "dentists" on line 24.

On page 116, strike lines 16 through 23.

On page 126, line 24, strike "(c)" and insert "(b)".

On page 128, line 9, strike "(d)" and insert "(c)".

On page 128, line 18, strike "(e)" and insert "(d)".

On page 140, line 3, strike "tion 747" and insert "tions 747 and 750".

On page 170, line 1, insert "dentistry," after the comma.

On page 170, line 2, insert "dentists," after the comma.

On page 196, strike lines 4 through 11, and insert the following:

(a) **LOAN PROGRAM.**—Section 702(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292a(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking "\$350,000,000" and all that follows through "1995" and inserting "\$260,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, \$160,000,000 for fiscal year 1997, and \$80,000,000 1998";

(2) by striking "obtained prior loans insured under this subpart" and inserting "obtained loans insured under this subpart in fiscal year 1996 or in prior fiscal years"; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "The Secretary may establish guidelines and procedures that lenders must follow in distributing funds under this subpart.".

Beginning on page 212, strike line 10 and all that follows through line 14 on page 220.

On page 220, line 15, strike "303" and insert "302".

On page 221, line 6, strike "304" and insert "303".

On page 222, line 12, strike "305" and insert "304".

NOTICE

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